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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF INVENTION AND SPECIES

Responsive to the action mailed June 27, 2006, Applicant elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-83 and 88, which is identified as being drawn to recommending items to users in one or more user group. The election is made without traverse.

The office action has identified set of fifty-five claims (1-18, 31-48, 50, 52-60, 72-79, and 88) as being generic to Group I and has identified seven specifies of group I as being patentably distinct.

For the sake of advancing prosecution only, the Applicant provisionally elects for examination Species II (claims 20-26), which is characterized as being directed to an estimator that yields regression coefficients.

The species election is made with traverse. The species identified as distinct are related species. The office action fails to identify the ground for the restriction of the species other than asserting that they are patentably distinct. Therefore, the Applicant requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement and reserves the right to reconsideration of non-elected species claims upon allowance of presently elected claims. The Applicant also does not concede to the characterizations in the office action of the various sets of claims identified.

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Respectfully submitted,

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